



WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

3 JUNE 2015

The Committee Recommendations contained within these Minutes were adopted at the Council Meeting on 9 June 2015.

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**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2015 COMMENCING AT 12.37PM**

1 OPENING**2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

Councillor G A Belz (Chairperson)
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services (Executive Officer)
Mr N Chand – Manager Fitzroy River Water
Dr J Plumb – Coordinator Treatment and Supply
Ms C Steinberger – Media and Communications Officer
Ms T Jacobsen – Governance Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow was not in attendance.
Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer was not in attendance.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes of the Water Committee held on 8 April 2015 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR WATER COMMITTEE

File No: 10097

Attachments: 1. Business Outstanding Table for Water Committee

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Water Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Water Committee be received.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

9 STRATEGIC REPORTS

9.1 FRW MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - APRIL 2015

File No: 1466
Attachments: 1. FRW Monthly Operations Report - April 2015
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

SUMMARY

This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 30 April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the FRW Monthly Operations Report for April 2015 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 DECOMMISSIONING OF THE WEST ROCKHAMPTON SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION

File No: 6210
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Nimish Chand - Manager FRW
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Jason Plumb - Coordinator Treatment and Supply

SUMMARY

The West Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant (WRSTP) is the oldest STP currently operated by Fitzroy River Water (FRW). Constructed in 1962, the WRSTP was designed to operate to meet a standard of treatment performance that reflected the then current state of knowledge of sewage treatment and its impacts of STP effluent discharges on the environment. Since that time, many advances in sewage treatment plant design have been made that have improved the treatment performance of STPs significantly. In addition, there has been increased stringency placed on the standard of STP effluent that is produced, especially when the effluent is discharged to a waterway.

If the WRSTP is not decommissioned as previously planned, there are significant works required to ensure that this STP can operate safely and reliably. These works are estimated to cost in excess of \$3M. This cost is greater than the cost to transfer all sewage flows to the South Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant (SRSTP) which has already been upgraded to cater for the WRSTP inflows. It is important to note that completing these works will not significantly improve the treatment performance and environmental footprint of WRSTP. The cost to achieve further performance improvement is estimated to be an additional \$1M. Keeping WRSTP would more quickly (i.e. 1 ML at WRSTP = 5-6 ML at NRSTP) consume the remaining unused buffer in our environmental licence and bring forward the large expenditure (greater than \$20M) required to augment the other two Rockhampton STPs.

Based on consideration of its age, its physical condition and also its substandard design and environmental performance, the decommissioning of the WRSTP should proceed to ensure that the STP infrastructure in Rockhampton can best meet the needs of the community and achieve the best overall outcome for the environment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That this matter be referred to a future Water Committee meeting with further information in respect of capital investment and capacity measures for the respective plants.

Moved by: Councillor Belz
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:50pm.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE